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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2003.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9,11-16 and 20-25 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9,11-16 and 20-25 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on January 22, 2003 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 2, 8, 10, and 17-19 have been canceled, and claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11-14, 22-25 have been amended.
2. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-25 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, and 3-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Chiu et al. (Hereinafter "Chiu") U.S. Patent No. 6,035,121, in view of Shipley (Hereinafter "Shipley") U.S. Patent No. 5,634,114.

As to claim 1, Chiu teaches the invention substantially as claimed, a method comprising:

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storing a computer application program in a first logical directory [current version resource DLL, 100 of fig. 3] on one or more computer-readable media [translations program, col. 3, lines 52-54].

storing a first version of a shared component in the first logical directory [a current version of a program from the first language version such as U.S. English, col. 4, lines 24-25; ab; 100 of fig. 3, 5], for execution with the computer application program on a computer system that stores at least a second version of the shared component in a second logical directory localized current version, 145 of fig. 3] of the one or more computer readable media, [target language version, such as Japanese, col. 4, lines 25-26; ab].

However, Chiu does not explicitly teach that the first component is a functional component of the computer application program that is compatible therewith and the computer application program is configured to use the first version of the shared component and not the second version of the shared component when the computer application program is executed on the computer system. Shipley teaches that the first component is a functional component of the computer application program that is compatible therewith [col. 3, lines 16-23] establishing a logical relationship between the computer application program and the first version of the shared component so that the application uses to the first version of the shared component when the application is executed on the computer system [the application program calls the DLL to establish the version as the one which will be used, see the abstract; col. 3, lines 55-58].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to have modified Chiu's system for localizing a computer version program provided thereof would have incorporated the teachings of Shipley especially the

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application program for executing version file; the motivation being to expand and enhance the versatility of Chiu's system by providing a mechanism to insure that the data interfaces between a DLL version file and an executable program are compatible [see Shipley, col. 2, lines 55-61].

As to claim 3, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 1 above. Shipley further teaches comprising storing a reference to an indicator in the logical directory [version indicator, col. 10, lines 46-51] where the computer application program and the first version of the shared resource are referenced, the indicator indicating to the computer application that the first version of the shared resource referenced by the indicator is referenced in the logical directory where the computer application program is referenced [col. 4, lines 55-63; see fig. 3].

As to claim 4, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 1 above., with the exception of computer-executable instructions. However, since Chiu and Shipley teach the translation instructions and comments for storing an application in a directory of to a computer system, storing a local version of a shared program component in the directory, and installing a file that indicates to the application that the application should utilize the local version of the shared program component [see the abstract], the feature of computer-executable instructions is inherent in the system in order to manipulate these functions.

As to claim 5, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed. Shipley further teaches calling a shared component in a computer system [8, 10 of fig. 2]. Chiu further

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teaches detecting a local file that indicates the presence of a locally-stored version of the shared component [145 of fig. 5]; and in response to detecting the local file, utilizing the locally-stored version of the shared component instead of a global version of the shared component present in the computer system [145 of fig. 5; col. 6, lines 46-50]. Shipley further teaches that the local file being a different file than the shared component itself [the executable application being a different file than the DLL version, ab; col. 3, lines 10-26].

As to claim 6, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 5 above. Chiu further teaches searching for the local file when the shared component is called and, if the local file is not found, utilizing a global version of the shared component [col. 4, lines 48-54].

As to claim 7, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 5 above. Chiu further teaches that the local file is an empty file [inherent in the local system in order to store a localized version in a target language, see the abstract].

As to claim 9, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed. Chiu further teaches storing a first version of a shared component in the computer system for execution on the computer system [100 of fig. 3], the computer system storing at least a second version of the shared component [145 of fig. 3]. Shipley further teaches storing a computer application program in a computer system [see the abstract] and the computer application program is configured to utilize the first version of the shared component and not the second version of the shared

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component when the computer application program is executed on the computer [col. 7, lines 56-67].

As to claim 12, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 9 above. Shipley further teaches that the shared component stored by the computer-executable instructions is a component object model (COM) component [col. 2, lines 21-28].

As to claim 13, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 9 above. Chiu further teaches that the shared component stored by the computer-executable instructions is a dynamic link library (DLL) component [DDLs, col. 9, lines 21-34; ab; fig. 3-4].

As to claim 14, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claims 9 and 10 above. Chiu further teaches memory divided into a plurality of discrete partitions [col. 6, lines 11-15, 46-50; current version resource and localized current version, see fig. 3]; a first version of a shared component stored in a second memory partition [stored in resource database, fig. 4], the first version of the shared component useable by at least a second application program, a second version of the shared component stored in the first memory partition [col. 4, lines 23-26]. Shipley further teaches an indicator that, when present, indicates the existence of the second version of the shared component; and wherein the first

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application utilizes the second version of the shared component if the indicator is present [”OK” flag, ab; col. 10, lines 46-51].

As to claim 15, Chiu and Shipley teach the invention substantially as claimed as specified in claim 14 above. Shipley further teaches that the indicator includes a file having a name conforming to a pre-defined type [preferred version, fig. 2].

All elements of this claims 11, 16, and 20-25 are rejected in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period

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will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1091. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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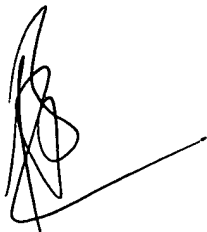
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Thuy Pardo
March 11, 2004